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House Bill 6375

Act Concerning Review and Termination of Certain Boards and Commissions

My name is John E. Taylor Jr. I'm and resident of Farmington, CT, Business owner in Southington, CT and Licensed Electrician for 34 years.

Over the past 34 years I have seen the electrical trade change in many ways most of this change has been over the last 10 years with new technology. As these new technology come in to the work place it take yearly training and review of codes and standards to operate in our work environment.

One of the Electrical Licensing Board functions thought relegation is to keep all electrical license holders current on yearly training on code, state of CT laws and best business practices. The Board makes sure that license holder are installing up to the current codes and operating ethically in the electrical industry. As new technology come into the work place like Photovoltaic's (Solar) they are charged with regulating the standards in which the installation and proper licensing is followed. They are the industry group that hold hearings for violators of the codes and state laws regarding the electrical trade and again serve as a safe guard to the public. They serve as one of the watch dog in the electrical industry and public safety for the consumer of the state of Connecticut.


With the economic times we all face daily we see unlicensed people installing work without regards to the publics interest which this board investigates and stops these violators.

These individuals who serve on this board are voluntary with great sacrifice of their business and personal time. In my opinion without this board in would put a great burden on the DCP and at a much higher cost then the operation of a voluntary board.

I also feel that the elimination of this board would put our industry years behind and put the public at unnecessary risk and cost the hard working license workers who pay a fee for the State to regulate our industry at a disadvantage with the people and companies looking to take advantage of the current economic times by short cuts in the state consumer and labor laws.

Therefore I ask that you vote against House Bill 6375.

Thank you


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